

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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RECOGNITION OF NANDED AS INTERNATIONAL TOURIST CENTRE

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has received representations from various quarters to accord recognition to Nanded in Maharashtra as an International pilgrim and tourist centre ;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The decision taken by the Government thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): The development and promotion of places of tourist interest/spots including the pilgrim centres is primarily undertaken by the State Government themselves. However, from the 10th Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Tourism has been providing central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of project proposals prioritised in consultation with them every year for the following schemes:

(1) Tourist Circuit

(2) Destination development

(3) Large Revenue Generating

(4) Fairs and festivals

The following projects have been prioritized during 2006-07 :

1. Destination Development: Kunkeshwar

2. Tourist Circuit : (a) Kolhapur circuit, (b) Mumbai fort circuit

3.Event/Fairs/Festivals:

(i) Elephanta,

(ii) Ellora,

(iii) Kalidas,

(iv) Chikaldhara

No project proposal for the development of Nanded has been prioritized for grant of central financial assistance during the year 2006-07. During the 10th Five year Plan, Rs.6009.08 lakh (till date) has been sanctioned for integrated development of tourism in Maharashtra.